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SUBJECT: BAHRAIN: DEMARCHE ON EU PARTICIPATION AT UNESCO
NEGOTIATIONS ON CULTURAL DIVERSITY

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Pol/Econ chief delivered reftel demarche April 18 on EU participation at UNESCO negotiations on cultural diversity to MFA Director for International Organization Affairs Ghassan Shaikho. Shaikho said he would consult with the Ministry of Industry and Commerce on this issue and get back to us, but confessed he could not understand why the EU would want to introduce a trade issue into UNESCO negotiations.

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